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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasunaga MIYAZAWA

Group Art Unit: 2655

Application No.: 09/981,996

Examiner: M. Sked

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Docket No.: 110824

For: SPEECH RECOGNITION METHOD, STORAGE MEDIUM STORING SPEECH
RECOGNITION PROGRAM, AND SPEECH RECOGNITION APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the March 14, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-42 are pending in this application.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 31, 32, 34, 36, 37, 39, 40 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,148,105 to Wakisaka et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,631,348 to Wymore. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action acknowledges that Wakisaka does not disclose or suggest acoustic models corresponding to noise types that also contain a plurality of signal to noise ratios for each noise type, but assert that Wymore discloses acoustic models corresponding to types of noise and a plurality of signal to noise ratios for each noise type. However, Wymore does not